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WOMEN VOICE SUPPORT FOR MARCH



Nation of Islam member, Kerri Daniels, (l) City of Elizabeth Councilwoman, Elizabeth Perkins, and Frederica Bey all voiced very strong support for the Million Man March.

by Sandra Wright

NEWARK—The sun bore down hot and bright on the steps of Newark City Hall as if in support of the women who were backing the Million Man March on our nation's capital, scheduled for Monday October 16. It was not a large turnout, but the group of approximately 300 or so Muslim women, some men and a few curious passersby was jubilant and outspoken.

The women who ranged from scholars, to housewives were gathered to voice their "100 percent of our black men," according to Kerri Daniels, project organizer.

Daniels stated that October 16 will be a beautiful day in black America and everyone should support the march the best way they can. "As women in the Nation of Islam one of our main goals is to teach our children and keep them focused on the importance of our home. However, our home is not our place, it is our base, we start out in the home and then we branch out. We are lawyers, doctors, teachers, and some of us are also wives."

"We women are not going to Washington, DC to march because there is an element of danger... we are happy to stay at home and give support, we do not need to be out there facing danger in case it arises. Our black men are going to speak for us and we will support them from the home front." Daniels believed to a receptive gathering.

According to Frederica Bey of the Anti-Lynching Campaign, October 16 is a declaration of independence. "We have declared this a holy day, a day of atonement a day of reconciliation. On the day we will not work, we will not go to school, we will not sing, play football or shop in the stores of America. We will teach our children the significance of our name, standing proud, tall, determined and above all unified, to make our communities whole again." To this declaration, responses of "Yes," "Amen," and "That's the truth," were echoed repeatedly.

The women organizers reported that invitations were sent to the mayors Newark Mayor Sharpe James, East Orange Mayor Cardell

Rice blasts NCC for 'playing politics with tenants'



Newark Councilman Ronald Rice

NEWARK—As municipal council member and chairman of the Economic Development and Finance Committee, Councilman Ronald Rice expressed anger at New Community Corporation's (NCC) alleged \$2.3 million water bill delinquency, it's failure to make any attempt to pay and, most importantly, the effect of this on all the tenants involved.

Recently, tenants were without water until a court order was issued to turn it back on. The claim will soon be headed for a court to reach an agreement of who's at fault.

Rice says he agreed with the Business Administrator that tenants should not have to go without water, but insisted that NCC meet its obligation, saying he was "tired of NCC playing politics with the tenants in those buildings." He added that NCC's failure to act responsibly and in good faith toward paying tenants has made the city look like "the bad guy, while the tenants suffer serious impact."

Newark spokesman Ray Coday's assertion that the water bills for properties other than the Manor and Douglas Harrison were up to date does not relieve them of their legal and moral obligation to resolve the debt and provide water to their tenants," the senator stated.

An emergency meeting is being called to bring some resolution to this problem with NCC. Rice will meet with committee members, the business administrator, the law office, water division director, and finance department to discuss alternatives and litigation for recouping money owed to the city.

"If legally possible, NCC should be compelled to put the disputed \$2.3 million into an escrow account until we can determine through proper channels if their claim of being 'overcharged' has any validity and existing problems are abated," said Rice.

Rice further stated, "the people who make decisions at NCC, which affect tenants, are high salary folks who do not live in the community and have no concern for the well being of local residents."

No scheduled time has been given for the meetings.

Justice Clarence Thomas target of prayer vigil

ORANGE—Over 500 people packed St. Matthew's A.M.E. church in Orange, Sunday, September 10, to observe a "Service of Empowerment," a prelude to the prayer vigil scheduled to take place at the home of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas on September 12. Several churches across the state were represented with ministers from Orange, East Orange, Newark, Plainfield, Paterson and Passaic attending.

The service began with an array

of melodies from the state renowned Ric Charles Choral Ensemble and was brought to a climax with the keynote speaker of the evening, the Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network.

"An institution that use to be our only recourse for justice has turned against us," said Rev. Sharpton. He went on to give a brief history of the Supreme Court and how it has affected the struggle for liberation for black people in the United States. "We are

Principal brings new vision to Plainfield high school

by Sherry Burrus

PLAINFIELD—"We want to get past written memorization and mindless exercises at the end of the book and have students engaged in critical thinking processing," said Plainfield High School's (PHS) new headmaster in chief, Dr. Leonard Edd.

The new principal and former superintendent of the Millwood School District in Oklahoma City, OK, says his mission is to create a positive attitude and mind set by working with parents, students, faculty and various community members to improve conditions within the high school in areas

providing leadership in our high school. He is a very experienced educator with deep commitment to the education of children," said Dr. Edd. "My reference check of Dr. Edd revealed perhaps the most enthusiastic support of any candidate that I have ever received."

Since his September 7 opening, several changes and improvements have taken place within the high school. Dr. Edd says teachers have been instructed to give heavier homework loads starting with the first day of school, black students are no longer able to enter or exit the school grounds via Park Avenue for safety reasons. How-

Banking associations give Congress over \$500,000

WASHINGTON, DC—An ACORN review of Federal Elections Commission filings for the first half of 1995 reveals well over \$1 million dollars in contributions from banking industry players to members of Congress. The industry push for legislation protecting community and consumer protections has been accompanied by huge giving directed overwhelmingly at Republican members of these bills.

The review also found that individual institutions have added well over five hundred thousand more to the contributions. This puts the industry total far beyond \$1 million in six months. The donations come as the industry pushes banking regulatory relief bills (H.R. 1858 and S. 650) which would

totally eviscerate the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)—a 1977 law which requires banks to serve their entire service areas, including low and moderate income neighborhoods—and seriously weaken other consumer protection and safety and soundness laws.

"Some members of Congress are raking in piles of money from large institutions, which in many cases are no where near their districts, to protect the highly profitable financial industry from its already limited public responsibilities," said Maude Hurd, ACORN national president.

"They are taking the cash and pushing so-called regulatory relief measures like gutting the CRA which

NAACP workshops focus on minority businesses

by Sherry Burrus

NEW BRUNSWICK—How would you like to network with small minority business owners, seek advice on how to start your own small business, involve yourself in in-depth conversations and discussions involving health, education, political action and religious affairs while supporting one of the oldest African-American organizations in the history of the United States all at the same time?

The 73rd annual NAACP State Convention, to be held at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers, in East Brunswick, will provide the opportunity to conquer all of this plus more with its concurrent workshops running from October 6-8.

If you are considering starting your own business, then you won't want to miss the business session workshops planned for Friday, October 6. "Introduction To Marketing For The Small Business" is the title of the first workshop, scheduled to run from 3 to 5 p.m.

The presenters of the workshop will be Texaco Star Inc. affiliates, Tom Ricks, district marketing manager, Star Enterprise and Deborah Alford, manager U.S. Public and Governmental Affairs, corporate communications. The objective of this workshop will be to provide basic marketing skills to help individuals start their own businesses in New Jersey. Participants will learn about the tools available to develop a successful marketing plan.

From 6 to 8 p.m., the business discussions continue with Dr. Henry Johnson, publisher, City News Pub-

lishing Co., Fred Rasheed, executive director, Rasheed Associates and Howard Robinson, regional vice president, National Business League, who will facilitate a business roundtable discussion. "The Realities of Business Ventures."

The roundtable discussion will give participants the opportunity to network with these business executives and seek advice on how to obtain and maintain a small business. There will also be an education workshop, "Educational Blueprint for New Jersey NAACP" presented by James Harris, education coordinator, NJ State Conference of NAACP Branches and president Montclair NAACP Branch. The purpose of the workshop is put together a blueprint for the involvement and role the NAACP will and should play in education.

Saturday, October 7, will bring about a mass workshop, "NAACP State Conference and Branch Survival: Mandates of Affiliation and Accountability," at 10:30 a.m. This session will be comprised of NAACP national and regional staff. At 3 p.m., discussions of health, politics and religious affairs will fill the air with three concurrent workshops.

"Health Over Wealth: Organ Donors," "Union of Action: Affirmative Action & Political Action," and "The Mission: Get-Out-The-Vote" will be the topic for these series of workshops designed to last two hours.

Heading the workshops are: Jean Rochelle Marshall, assistant commissioner of health, The State of New Jersey; Derina Sammons-Posey, director, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services; Rosalind

Thigpen-Rodd, director, New Jersey State Office of Minority Health; and Louise Raglin, public health consultant, New Jersey Department of Health.

Later that day, join the political action session with Edward Hall, NAACP Counsel, Washington and the religious affairs workshop headed by Rev. Alfred Steele, pastor of Seminary Baptist Church, Paterson; Rev. Calvin McKinney, vice-president of The Baptist State Convention; and Dr. Edward Verner, president of the National Black Churchmen's Union. New Jersey Department of Health.

There will also be plenty of workshops for high school and college aged students as part of the NAACP Youth and College Division's convention which will be going on simultaneously.

On Saturday, October 7, from 3

# PEOPLE

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**THRU OCTOBER 16**  
NEWARK—Reserve your seats for the Million Man March bus trip to Washington (325 round trip). For more info call 201-643-7711.

**THRU OCTOBER 22**  
CRANFORD—GED prep classes at Union County College, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7600.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
MONTCLAIR—"Is College For Me?" seminar at Montclair State University from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-655-4431.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**  
NEW BRUNSWICK—"Recognizing and dealing with dangers of Domestic Violence" at the New Jersey Law Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW, ext. 72255.

**NEWARK**—Newark Latinoamericano: The Hispanic Presence in Northern New Jersey exhibition opening at The Newark Public Library from 5 to 5 p.m. For more info call 201-753-7745.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
PARLIPPAN—Lunch for area high school guidance counselors at the Sheraton Tara. For more info call 201-655-5116.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**  
PASSAIC—Fifth anniversary African American Day Festival and Parade at 9 a.m. at Passaic City Hall. For more info call 201-472-7494 or 201-942-9391.

**TRENTON**—Antique Appraisal Day at the New Jersey State Museum at 10 a.m. For more info call 609-292-5421.

**NEW YORK**—New York City Street Games featuring softball, double dutch, skittles, box ball activities at Hudson River Park from 1 to 5 p.m. For more info call 212-267-9700.

**JERSEY CITY**—Review of the Sciences for the Test of General Knowledge at Jersey City State College from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3094.

**EDISON**—Toastmasters International meeting at the Edison Public Library at 10 a.m. For more info call 908-940-2536.

**EDISON**—Flea market at JFK Lifestyle Institute parking lot, 2048 Oak Tree Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Spaces are available). For more info call 908-906-2100.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
VCLERT—Puerto Rican Day Parade also on channel 3 cablevision of Newark at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
EDISON—Latin Fiesta performs at Middlesex County College at 11 a.m. For more info call 908-906-2566.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
EDISON—A Latin Jazz Legacy (film) at Middlesex County College at 11 a.m. For more info call 908-906-2566.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**  
EAST ORANGE—Systa's "Why Do I Need An Education" program at East Orange High School at 4:15 p.m. For more info call 201-673-2193.

**JERSEY CITY**—"Multicultural Stories" at Jersey City State College from 4 to 7 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3214.

**EDISON**—Hispanic Food Fair at Middlesex County College from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908-906-2566.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
SOMERSET—Black Issues Conference Senior Citizen Day at the Radisson Hotel. For more info call 908-753-3506.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
MONTCLAIR—Conference for parents of gifted children at Montclair State University from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 201-444-6530.

**JERSEY CITY**—Review of Math for the Test of General Knowledge at Jersey City State College from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3094.

## Kitty Brooks honored by NCNW

by Michael Burton

PATERSON—On Saturday, August 26, 1995 the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) New Jersey Life Member's Guild held its annual African American Heritage Bunch Awards Extravaganza. More than 80 people attended the event which was held at the Brownstone House in Paterson.

Among the honorees were Kitty McElroy Brooks, a member of the NCNW since 1963 instrumental in starting the National Breakfast Program and Mortgage Subsidy Program; Dorothy Horne, who has been involved with NCNW for over 20 years; Louise Jackson, a life member of NCNW as well as a volunteer in several civic groups; Mona Thomas, a new member of NCNW who has been involved in the Paterson community for several years; and Mildred Tramble, who is a charter member of the Passaic County Chapter of NCNW and has served several terms as president. She was also recently nominated to the State Steering Committee by Dr. Dorothy Height, National Pres-

## NHA dedicates community center to late resident



NEWARK—The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) dedicated 150 new townhouses in the Central Ward in honor of the late Oscar E. Miles, a former public housing resident who worked to improve living conditions for other residents. Joining NHA Executive Director Harold Lucas (4th from r) for the unveiling of the Oscar E. Miles Community Center, part of the new Oscar E. Miles Village on Court Street, were Carolyn Miles (2nd from r), wife of Oscar Miles, and son, (3rd from r) Oscar, Jr. Newark Mayor Sharpe James, Congressman Donald Payne and Councilman George Branch were among the dignitaries who spoke at the dedication.

## Bethel Presbyterian Church sponsors flea Market luncheon

PLAINFIELD—The annual flea market luncheon, sponsored by the Women's Club of Bethel Presbyterian Church of Plainfield will be held this Saturday, September 23.

Scheduled to run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., the event will take place at 300 East Fifth Street at the corner of Roosevelt Ave. A lunch of fried Chicken or fish sandwiches, tossed salad and dessert will be served at the luncheon. Baked items will also be on sale. Luncheon cost will be \$5, \$5 for senior citizens.



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# NATION

## National Urban League gets youth development grants

### National News at a glance

#### THREE BLACKS TO RECEIVE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

The White House has announced that President Clinton will award the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to three African Americans among 12 outstanding Americans who will receive the honors on Sept. 28. The three black honorees are William T. Coleman, Jr., John Hope Franklin and A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Coleman, a lawyer has served as U.S. Secretary of Transportation, board chairman of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Franklin is a prominent and accomplished historian. Higginbotham is a judge and academic who has worked to advance the needs of the needy. He has served as a civil rights attorney, professor at the Kennedy School of Government and judge on the Third Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Among the nine other award recipients: Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop; U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, deceased labor leader Walter P. Reuther and Hollywood studio executive Lew Wasserman. —WASHINGTON, DC

#### JACKSON NEPHEWS FILE SUIT OVER MOTHER'S DEATH

Three nephews of pop star Michael Jackson have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against their late mother's boyfriend, saying he drowned her in a backyard swimming pool. Dolores Jackson was found dead in August 1994 in the swimming pool at the Los Angeles home of her boyfriend, Donald Bohana. The suit, which seeks unspecified damages for assault and battery, in addition to wrongful death, alleges that Bohana beat and strangled Jackson, ex-wife of Tito Jackson. The lawsuit was filed in bankruptcy court because Bohana says he is bankrupt and was filed on behalf of Jackson's three children—Tariq, 22, Taryn, 20, and Tito, 17. The district attorney's office initially treated the case as accidental drowning but reopened their investigation last November. —LOS ANGELES, CA

#### CO-FOUNDER OF MIRACLES, DEAD AT 57

Ronnie White, the singer and songwriter who with Smokey Robinson was one of the co-founders of the Miracles, the legendary Motown singing group, died recently at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital. The cause of his death was not disclosed. White wrote numerous hit songs during the 1960s and 1970s and co-wrote such hits like the Miracles' *My Girl* and the late Motown recording star Mary Wells' *My Guy*. He, along with Robinson, Bobby Rogers, Pete Moore and Claudette Rogers, founded the Matadors in 1955 while still in high school. They later became the Miracles and signed with Barry Gordy's Motown label in 1958. Gordy credits White with helping to discover Stevie Wonder. —DETROIT, MI

#### MORE PARKS SAUSAGES TO BE MADE

Two African-American investors have indicated their desire to buy the debt-ridden Baltimore-based Parks Sausage Co. Anthony Fugett and W. Kaven Wright of New York-based MICHU investment company will take control of the \$16 million plant upon the pending retirement of current Parks' president and CEO Raymond Haysbert. Parks Sausage is the largest African-American employer in the state of Maryland. —BALTIMORE, MD

#### ALPHA PHI ALPHA ENDORSES MILLION MAN MARCH

The 150,000-member Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has endorsed the Million Man March, scheduled for Washington, DC on Oct. 16. Alpha Phi Alpha Executive Director Darrell R. Matthews, Sr., said the fraternity embraced the Million Man March because "it is impossible to conceive of a million African-American men coming together and the members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity not being in the front of that assembly." —WASHINGTON, DC

NEW YORK—The National Urban League, the nation's premier civil rights organization, has received overwhelming support from corporations, foundations and the government for its youth development agenda.

With the receipt of five grants totaling over \$2.1 million, the League can move forward with plans to develop the academic and social skills of low-income youth through targeted programs and projects.

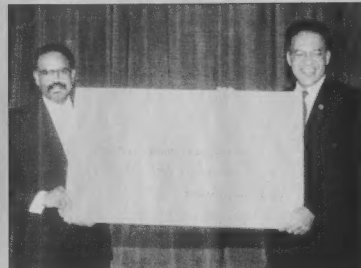
Hugh B. Price, president of the National Urban League stated, "These

grants, along with the others that are expected, represent a remarkable opportunity to change the quality of life in many urban communities." The grants awarded include:

One million dollars from the Monsanto Fund over four years to support the Youth Development Campaign; \$500,000 from Borders, Inc. over a five-year period for five affiliates to staff the Celebratory Event Component of the League's Campaign for Achievement; \$50,000 from Parent Mobilization Initiative;

\$25,000 from Sears, Roebuck & Co. for the Youth Development Campaign; \$579,148 over two years from the Department of Education for the Campaign for Achievement.

"This corporate, foundation and government support is crucial to our mission and serves as a tribute to the League's 85-year history of providing economic growth and opportunities for all African Americans. These grants will enable the League to fulfill its goal to prepare our youth for the 21st century," stated Price.



Hugh B. Price president of the National Urban League receives a check for \$1,000,000 from Dr. John L. Mason chairman and president of the Monsanto Fund.

## Jesse Jackson, Jr. to run for Congress

CHICAGO, IL—Jesse Jackson, Jr., at age 30, recently declared his candidacy for the 2nd Congressional District (CD) in Illinois. His campaign will focus on the 2nd CD and its concerns: re-industrialization and jobs; jobs; jobs; labor rights; comprehensive and universal health care for all; affordable housing; providing quality public education for all; crime and safe neighborhoods; and more. This article will address the question, "Who is Jesse, Jr.?"

Human rights and political activist, Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. is president of the "Keep Hope Alive" Political Action Committee, vice president at Large of Operation PUSH, National Field Director for the National Rainbow Coalition, one of the youngest members of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and recently elected secretary of the DNC's Black Caucus. Mr. Jackson was voted one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America" and one of the "50 Leaders of the Future" by *Ebony Magazine*. He is one of the most popular lecturers on college campuses today.

The eldest son of the internationally known human rights advocate, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Jackson Jr. has spent much of his life on picket lines. His early activism led to his participation in a Chicago protest, which led to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. being named the first African American school superintendent of the Chicago Public School System. In 1981, he picketed with PATCO workers after President Reagan fired the air traffic controllers.

A frequent traveler to various countries of Africa, he was part of a delegation from the U.S. which sought to chart a course to end apartheid in South Africa and to establish diplomatic relations with Angola. This venture took him into the countries of Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Angola and Nigeria.

Jackson spent his 21st birthday in a DC jail cell for his participation in a protest against apartheid at the South African Embassy. He also participated in the weekly demonstrations in front of the South African Consulate in Chicago. In 1990, he was the only American on stage with Nelson Mandela during his historic speech to the world following his release from prison in Capetown, South Africa.

His travels to Europe included a trip to Rome, Italy 10 years ago for a meeting at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II regarding Haitian refugees. Following a trip to the American military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he was so moved by the helplessness of the children and the fear of their condition, that he became an outspoken advocate for the Haitian refugees in "jail" at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

In Chicago he has become a voter registration specialist; as a concerned citizen, he spearheaded a fund-raising drive which netted more than \$80,000 for Kenneth Jennings, a Chicago high school football player who's career was cut short by spinal injuries suffered during a game, and in 1989, he participated in a demonstration in the Chicago community of Canaryville, which sought to end police brutality.

An active member of the Democratic National Committee, Jackson sponsored resolutions supporting sanctions against South Africa and resolutions calling for an end to the economic embargo against Cuba. He has also authored numerous resolutions in support of Statehood for the District of Columbia, as well as resolutions in support of the "Reclaim Our Youth" mentoring program. Among his other political activities, Jackson served as surrogate speaker in the 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, and was an active student leader at North Carolina A&T University, organizing protest marches against apartheid and for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Born during the Selma struggle, March 11, 1965 in Greenville, South

Carolina, Jackson began his education at the Pershing Elementary Public School in Chicago and LeMans Military Academy, he graduated from St. Albans Episcopal High School in Washington, DC.

In 1987, he graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina A&T University at Greensboro, NC, where he

earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. In June, 1990, he graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary, earning a Master of Arts Degree in Theology. In 1993, Jackson received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law in Champaign-Urbana.

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## EDITORIAL

### Make history, register and vote

It was quite an eye-opener to attend the North Jersey Black Churchmen's meeting last week as they tackled a mammoth agenda of social ills and church-related business.

One of the issues discussed was the need to continuously promote and encourage voter registration. The group has taken on the challenge of registering as many eligible voters as possible and have offered the resources of their churches to sign anyone up who needs to register.

It is heartening to see such an august group commit to this effort of encouraging people to take advantage of their right to vote. The numbers in voter turnout among blacks continues to drop as more and more of our gains in civil rights and affirmative action are lost. We still have time to reverse this trend by voting to elect those who have the interests of black folk at heart.

Additionally, the upcoming Presidential election promises to be extremely interesting as the possibility of three black candidates emerge. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make history but most importantly, to have your voice heard through your vote.

#### Letter to the Editor

### Year round education, a great choice

If our nation is to remain number one among the industrialized nations of the world, then more attention needs to be placed on designing ways to improve the delivery of services to our students, particularly, those in the high risk, urban areas. Year-Round Education (YRE) already appears to be a plausible and promising way for those school districts that have implemented the concept.

The longer and more consistent time in school, with shorter periods for vacation, or time out of school, interspersed, throughout the year, increases student achievement and cuts down on learning loss. Research evidence is becoming more and more conclusive about this, with studies emanating from the University of Houston and the University of North Carolina, pointing out the positive aspects of YRE and what it does to help improve student outcomes. We need this in our urban areas or anywhere we find students at risk.

A strong nation requires that all of our students achieve at a high level. Indeed, they must keep pace with the wealth of knowledge this high tech age has brought to us. We must, therefore, position ourselves so that no other nation will ever out-distance what we do, in math, science or technology. YRE may be the answer to ensuring that this will happen. We no longer need a school calendar designed for an agrarian or farming society, it could only hamper us in a global economy. Think about it!

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Dr. Bernice P. Venable  
Superintendent Trenton Public Schools

## If you can't read it aloud, don't buy it

by Julian Bond

You have probably followed the controversy surrounding C. Delores Tucker. A striking woman usually seen wearing a turban, Tucker is a Democratic Party activist, a NAACP Special Contribution Board member, and founder of the National Political Congress of Black Women.

Those are impressive accomplishments, but lately Tucker has won headlines, praises, lawsuits and probably a few curses for her activism against the style of music known as gangsta rap.

If you haven't heard it, you may wonder what the fuss is all about. And you may have heard some of the objections to Tucker's crusade. Isn't this music the legitimate voice of our disaffected young people? Aren't these authentic voices from urban America, young ghetto poets expressing legitimate grievances against the margin?

Aren't they being attacked by some of the same people who trash affirmative action and applaud the right-wing political revolution? Why did Tucker say the musicians are "pimping pornography on our black youth?"

Last Post's voices just like the Last Poets you may remember from your college days? Aren't they descended from a long line of urban tricksters and rural rhytims and grooves whose lineage goes back through slavery into our African past? Isn't it

suspicious that most of rap's antagonists are white and most of their targets black?

Why is C. Delores Tucker trying to quiet these voices? Why can't she be heard? Isn't the hidden agenda of all of these upthrust opinions simply censorship?—Why don't you decide for yourself?

You may only hear this music when it blasts at you from a passing car loudly enough to make your car drums bleed. Aside from wondering why does this person want you to hear what she thinks passes for music, you probably forget about it as it fades away. The volume is so loud and the beat so insistent you haven't been able to decipher the lyrics.

Well, try the words below on for size. I warn you they aren't suitable for a family audience, or even for this family newspaper. But if your child can walk into a music store and buy them, at least you ought to know what they are listening to.

Don't just read these lyrics to yourself. Gather your family around and read them out loud.

Here is Tupac Shakur from *Me Against the World*: "Gonna stay high while I survive. No one lives forever. Raised in the sh— ever since I was a little-bitty kiddie. Drinking liquor out of my mamma's tit... Smokin' weed was an everyday thing in my household and drinking liquor 'til

by Connie Woodruff

In the old days, Essex County Democrats never worried about support from the faithful. No matter what the occasion, Demis lined up behind their county chairman and turned out in record numbers. It was always "Happy Days Here Again" and let the party begin.

That's why the recent "annual" picnic of the party was surprising to those who made their way to West Orange in response to Democratic Chairman Tom Giblin's invitation. It was perfect picnic weather. A balmy, sunny Sunday afternoon. Everything was free from admission to an all-you-can-eat menu of food and drink.

The only disappointment was the crowd that didn't come to the party. No buses of folks from Newark and the Oranges. Few glad-handing politicians. No big, friendly, openly blaring music and no political chit-chat or deal making as far as we could see. This is not to say the outing was dismal but it was disappointing.

Conspicuous by their absence were the usual politicians from Newark and the Oranges, the Democratic strongholds in Essex County. However, among those who showed up for

by Rev. Reginald Jackson  
& Raiford Wheeler

African Americans, today, find themselves facing the greatest setback made on the gains they have made over the last 30 years. Under siege are voting rights, affirmative action, access to higher education, legal redress and a host of other gains they have come to take for granted.

There can be no gains that the Civil Rights Movement has lost its drive, passion and, even more

you're out cold."

How was that? Not very different from the raunchy old party records your Dad kept hidden in the closet? Try this one.

Here is Snuggly Dogg from his release *Doggystyle*. "We do it doggie style. He f—d the flex off the b—h. She shakes the ticks off his d—, and in her booty he buried his m—g dog."

That isn't a song your family can sing together. It surely can't be read aloud. Maybe that ought to be the test—If you can't read it aloud, don't buy it.

C. Delores Tucker is convinced that this music and the talent that creates it can be a force for good and that positive images can be sold to young Americans just as easily as the stereotypical visions of sex-craved young black women and duggish young black men some of this music promotes.

If you agree, maybe you'll pop a little more attention to what goes into your youngster's head from those walkman wires that seem to grow out of their cars. Maybe you might start by letting your children know that if they can't recite it at the breakfast table, then they can't import it into their mind or your house.

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the event included: Jeanette Seabrook, West Ward vice chair woman; Blanche Horford of the South West (North Ruffin); Lee Felt and Besvie Walker, a candidate for the Newark city council in the November election.

Larrie West Stalks was unable to attend but two of her closest political allies, Catherine Willis and Ann Crumley, ally represented her and themselves. County Registrar Carole Graves, Assemblyman and Assemblywoman Leroy Jones and Nita Gill, Patrick McNally, a candidate for county clerk and Senator Wynton Lipman represented the local elected officials.

Among those who were official hosts with chairman Giblin were Danny Williams, Alberta Davis and her daughter, East Orange Councilwoman, Carole Clark, along with council colleagues, Beverly K. Williams and Yvonne Blake and West Orange Mayor Sam Spina, a co-chairman of the event.

Is Robi Ruffin, acting health and human services director for Newark, about to become another political casualty? It is reliably reported she has ruffled the feathers of the Newark city council by repeatedly failing to appear at council meetings at which

she was to testify.

For the last six months, rumors have increased that city officials are unhappy with Ruffin's performance and her absence from a special council meeting, to discuss three items related to an AIDS rent subsidy program, was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Councilman Donald Tucker and Councilman George Branch openly supported action to sanction Ruffin and Councilman Ronald Rice directed the city clerk's office to prepare paperwork to initiate the procedure to oust Ruffin.

The council passed the rent program 6-0 with three members absent.

There's a job waiting for a man in Newark and at press time it was not determined whether or not former Newark superintendent of schools, Eugene Campbell, will show up for his new assignment.

Following the administrative shake-up following the state takeover of Newark schools, Campbell was reassigned as principal of Sussex Avenue school. However, on opening day Campbell (on sick leave since Aug. 22) was a no-show.

It had been reported, by sources allegedly close to Campbell that the

deposed super, a tenured principal, wanted to be assigned to Arts High School.

Two major drug busts at the Stella Wright and Bishop Waldburg public housing projects in Newark was welcome news to housing officials and tenants.

It's a may be only skimming, the Newark release says, but "that" it's start and perhaps we will have some peaceful days and nights around the neighborhood."

One can expect major efforts to attack crime in Newark as incidents of violence increase daily. It is not only the sale of drugs on streets in every neighborhood that has alarmed citizens, but the incidents of car-jacking, auto thefts and now the growing menace of drive-by shootings—many of which are not unless someone is killed or injured.

The image of crime as a given in Newark makes it difficult to persuade businesses to relocate in the city, bring jobs in to attract tenants to newly rehabilitated neighborhoods experiencing a housing boom.

But maybe, just maybe, the city's fathers and their political leadership are beginning to get the message. Crime and the perception of crime is the big issue, Supid!

## Is there no power in the African-American Church?

importantly, it has lost its sense of direction. African Americans, rather than moving forward, are stagnant at best. Many would contend we are going backward.

Many have shed their blood and given their lives in order to attain the right to vote. This was one of the major achievements of the struggle.

African Americans turned out in overwhelming numbers to exercise this right denied for so long. These record numbers of voters determined the outcome of elections.

But here is 40 years later and now African Americans don't even vote. In the 1994 election, about 37 percent of eligible African Americans voted. It has been below 50 percent for the last several years. As a result, we are becoming less significant as a force in political consideration and politicians feel no fear or retribution when they vote against us.

The spirit of the movement has changed. During the heyday of the 50s and 60s the guiding force of the movement was spiritual. The Civil Rights Movement had its base in the church and its leadership came from the church—its clergy and lay. The thrust was spiritual and moral, not political.

The movement succeeded because

it kills us; targeted by drug lords, who use us as sellers, distributors and consumers to produce their wealth and turn our people into addicts, send them to prison and destroy us; targeted by the entertainment industry to make inexpensive movies that portray African Americans against African Americans, violence, profanity and the degeneration of the African-American community, but yet make millions upon millions of dollars in profits from African-Americans viewers.

The values, the spiritual and high groups which brought us achievement and progress in the 50's and 60's, if we have been abandoned in the 80's and 90's. If we are going to withstand this assault and once again meet the challenge of the hour, we will need, once again, to be spiritual and to possess the moral high ground which will guide us as a people, establish our priorities, strengthen our faith and make us a people to be reckoned with.

Therefore, comes the question: Where is the voice, presence and power of African-American church? It is time for the church to purchase their products, alcohol and tobacco, which stunts our growth, retards our development and

## Are there any black journalists left?

by Askiya Muhammad

Returning from the 20th Anniversary Convention of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) in Philadelphia last week, I was almost moved to tears as I thought about the monumental betrayal of black community interests that has occurred at the hands of members of my chosen profession.

Several friends and colleagues, Pluma Marshall, Francis Ward, Reggie Bryant, Ace Moore, the late Ethel Payne, who charter members of the group that has become the largest and most influential black media organization in the country. I am embarrassed that I am so disappointed in the group they helped found, 20 years ago. I told one of them, the group's name should not include the word "black" and that the initials more apply to the "Negro Association of Black Journalists."

More than 30 years ago, the Hon. Elijah Muhammad showed us emphatically the benefit of understanding what Francis Bacon had written 400 years before that "Knowledge is Power." With the computer revolution taking place all around us, it is clear to just about everyone that those words are true, and that we are now living in the information age. Unfortunately, the capitalists and pilots who would guide and direct black people in America down that Information Superhighway are bought and sold like willing chattel by the enemies of our progress, who would keep us ignorant and to be executed on the second day of the festivities.

While the NABJ Board did vote in June for a resolution defending Mr. Abu-Jamal's "First Amendment Rights" as a writer and journalist, and to be interviewed by members of the press, they did not protect the carnage that might have taken place

in their midst, if the Judge Albert Sabo would grant an indefinite stay of execution and allow a legal appeal for a new trial.

After hours of heated debate, parliamentary confusion and numerous votes at the conference last week, NABJ adopted a resolution calling for "full and fair disclosure and judicial examination of all the facts involved" in the case, stopping short of calling for a "full and fair" trial for

the same case. The majority of members were not outraged that they were convening at the fanciest downtown hotel, spending millions and millions of dollars, and that they might then be forced to watch without a peep as their colleague was put to death.

One insider told me that the board is more concerned when one of its corporate sponsors declines to pay for a promised luncheon reception, than it was at the prospect of the execution of a possibly innocent man—a former member and officer in its group—while the members dined and partied, a stones throw from the site of the execution.

While I don't intend to quit the organization in protest at this time, I did resolve, with two other conscious members at the meeting, to help found a new "black caucus" if you will—the Progressive African American Caucus—within the otherwise moribund NABJ movement. I hope to come come intoxicated with its access to black America's elites. Long live the black caucus, within NABJ.

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## Applications for plays and musicals being accepted

NEW YORK—TADA! a non profit production company specializing in original musical theater for child actors, is now accepting new, one-act, plays and musicals to be produced as part of its 1996 Free Spring Staged Reading Series.

Professional and amateur playwrights as well as students are invited to submit works to be performed by children. On March 4, 1996, four winners of the TADA! Ensemble will be announced. Each winner will receive a cash prize in addition to staged reading performances of his or her script by members of the Ensemble.

Submission guidelines include:  
• Works must be original, unproduced and unpublished one-acts with a cast of children, or of children and adults. Preference is given to works with a cast primarily of youth between the ages of 7 and 18. There may be no more than two or three adults in the cast. Children do not play adults; adult actors will be hired, as well as professional directors and choreographers.

• Plays and musicals may be geared toward an age-specific audience of teens, families, or younger children. Plays dealing with current teen topics are highly encouraged. Plays written for an entirely adult cast or for an adult audience are ineligible.

• The deadline for submission is February 1, 1996. Scripts should be submitted with character breakdown sheet and costume requirements and a self-addressed stamped envelope (for return of script).

• For musicals, a tape of the score and a sample song written out should also be included.

Send submissions to: TADA! 120 W. 28 St., 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10001. For further information call Annie Ravitz at 212-627-1732.

## New Jersey CPA Society offering scholarships

ROSLAND—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) is offering scholarships to New Jersey high school seniors who intend to major in accounting in college.

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For exam applications contact the high school Guidance Counselor or Business Department. For more information contact the NJSCPA Office, at 201-226-4494 ext. 241.

## Marsalis on Music



Wynton Marsalis is surrounded by a group of very appreciative listeners. Photo courtesy of PBS

NEW YORK—Jazz musician and composer, Wynton Marsalis is creator and host of a new PBS series *Marsalis on Music*, a young people's musical journey for our time. Scheduled to air on four consecutive Mondays at 8 p.m. (ET) beginning October 9, this four-part, four-hour program takes unprecedented steps toward demystifying classical music and jazz, and is designed to open new musical vistas for both children and adults. The series is a presentation of Thirteen/WNET in New York.

In the episodes, "Why Toots Tap: Marsalis on Rhythm," "Listening for Clues: Marsalis on Form," "Sousa to

Satchmo: Marsalis on the Jazz Band," and "Tackling the Monster: Marsalis on Practice," Marsalis uses imaginative graphics, computer animation and even a basketball to introduce the basics of music appreciation, creating a unique dialogue between his jazz band and the students of the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra, led by maestro Seiji Ozawa.

The series is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts and public television viewers. Sole corporate support for the television broadcast of *Marsalis on Music* is provided by Texaco.

## Celebrating classical music



Annette Gadegeku (seated) and Rolain Egenton

Beethoven, Schubert, and Mozart, as well as other composers and two original pieces, entitled *Colors of My Mind and Cascade*.

On selected pieces, she was accompanied by Rolain Egenton, also a recent graduate of Oak Knoll. The final performance piece was entitled *Heart Song*, composed by both Gadegeku and Egenton.

Gadegeku has performed in past piano recitals at the First Unitarian Church, as well as in the New Jersey Teen Arts Program, receiving several awards for superior performance from the New Jersey Music Teachers Association. She is a freshman at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and plans to major in medical sciences.

PLAINFIELD—Annette Gadegeku, 1995 graduate of Oak Knoll School in Summit, recently performed a Senior Piano Recital at the First Unitarian Church in Plainfield. Gadegeku presented pieces by

Egenton, a freshman at Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, has won several prizes for her accomplishment in violin. She is also Concertmistress of the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

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Kaili Baucum

## Kaili Baucum selected for youth leadership law forum

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield resident, Kaili Baucum, is one of a select group of teenagers who have been chosen to attend the 1995 National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and the Constitution, to be held in Washington, DC.

The decision to nominate Baucum was based on the scholastic recommendation of Mark Barfield, a guidance counselor at Plainfield High School (PHS), who identified her as a student of high academic standing with leadership potential and interest in a career in the legal profession.

Forum participants are chosen for outstanding academia and at-

tributes which allows them to contribute to the special strengths and character of the forum, according to Forum Executive Director George Hoffman, Jr.

Baucum, a PHS senior, has career objectives of studying at a prestigious undergraduate college, graduating law school and becoming a nationally renowned attorney.

She has been involved in numerous extracurricular and community activities and has received a host of scholastic honors. The National Youth Leadership Forum will be held during the week of October 31 to November 5.

## Hal Jackson's talented teen winners



NEW YORK—The 25th annual Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International competition was held at the world famous Apollo Theatre. This annual event brought together young ladies between the ages of 13 and 17 from around the world to compete for the international crown. All of the contestants attended a black tie dinner dance at Tavern On The Green where Columbia Recording artist Regina Belle performed, took a grand tour of New York, boarded a yacht for a luncheon cruise around New York Harbor, attended the Broadway show *Cats* and attended a Fashion Show produced by Jon Haggins. The top five winners receive cash scholarships totaling \$10,000 to further their education donated by McDonald's. If you are interested in running a local competition or know of a young lady with a performing talent who would be interested in competing for the 1996 international crown write to: Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, 1230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10128. Contest winners are: (l-r) Nataria Thomas-Carr, 1st runner up, a 16 year old steel panist; Andrea Moore, 4th runner up, a 14 year old gospel singer from Virginia; the 1995 HJTII winner 13 year old Ebony Mack is a gospel singer from New Jersey; Hal Jackson, founder and president of contest as well as group chairman of Inner City Broadcasting; Jamie Smith, 3rd runner up, a 16 year old modern dancer from Maryland; and Crystal Keemer, 2nd runner up, a 16 year old gospel singer from New York.

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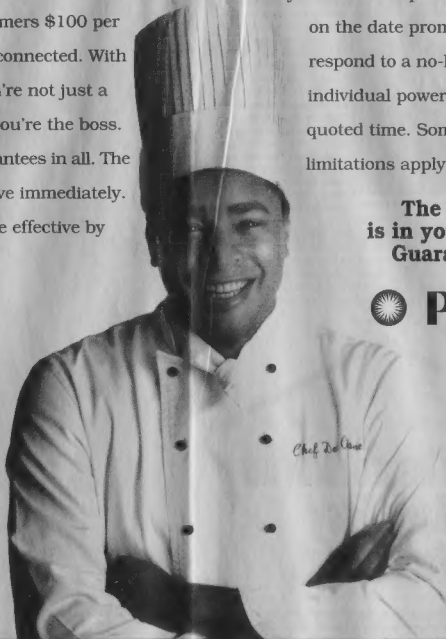
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## ARTZ WEESDAY

## Boyz II Men honored by United States Mint



Boyz II Men members Michael McCary (l) and Nate Morris (r) show off "HEROS" T-shirts received from the Mint. The two are accompanied by United States Mint Director Philip Diehl (c), Greg "Gunny" Gibson, U.S. Mint Consultant (2nd from l) and Princess Hamphill (2nd from r).

WASHINGTON, DC—Grammy Award-winning recording artists Boyz II Men were recently honored by the United States Mint for their service and contributions in the African-American community. Mint Director Philip N. Diehl presented individual gold bullion American Eagle coins to each group member.

The celebration which took place during a basketball game at George Washington University this summer, marked the first in a series

of events where the Mint launched a nationwide promotion of its "Heroes Collections." The first collection features African Americans.

The African-American series, styled in contemporary CD packaging, contains four bronze duplicates of Congressional gold medals honoring civil rights activist Roy Wilkins, Olympic sprinter Jesse Owens, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, and retired joint chief of staff chairman General Colin Powell.

Other Mint products honoring African Americans include a two-medal set honoring Powell and Persian Gulf War veterans, the Owens medal combined with a silver dollar commemorating Olympic track and field competition, and a three and a half inch medal paying tribute to classical performer Marian Anderson.

For further information regarding the "Heroes Collection" please call 202-283-COIN.

## BOOK REVIEW

## Life After Johnnie Cochran... by Barbara Cochran Berry

by Ollie Johnson, Ph.D.

I have been closely following the O.J. Simpson case, but I don't know exactly why. Maybe it is because I played football as a youngster when O.J. Simpson was a NFL star. Although I played quarterback and wasn't very good, some friends called and still call me O.J.

Maybe it is because I became fascinated with Johnnie Cochran, the lead trial attorney for O.J.'s defense team. Watching the trial during lunch, in the evenings, and on the weekends, I thought Johnnie Cochran was the personification of legal excellence. I was proud that he was a brother!

Imagine my devastation after reading the new book, *Life After Johnnie Cochran: Why I left the sweetest-talking, most successful black lawyer in L.A.* by Barbara Cochran Berry, Johnnie's former wife, with writer Joanne Parrent.

Her version of their marriage is true. Johnnie owes Barbara a public apology. He should also donate some of his money, time, and legal talent to the support groups listed at the end of the book.

According to this book, Johnnie abused his first wife physically, emotionally, and financially. He cheated on her for most of their 17-year marriage. He spent little time with their children. He lied about his extra-marital affairs for years and when he could no longer deny them (because he had a son by a white woman), he still maintained that his wife was lucky

to have a wealthy, successful, and prominent black lawyer.

The book is divided into three parts: 1) "Barbara Berry" recounts the good, pre-Johnnie years; 2) "Barbara Cochran" reflects on her years with Johnnie whom she considers "the ex-husband from hell," and 3) "Life After Johnnie" describes her recuperation and progress.

Berry was born in Shreveport, La., and moved to Oakland, Ca., at a young age with her parents. Coincidentally, Johnnie is also originally from the same area of Louisiana.

She later moved to Los Angeles and attended UCLA, where she pursued her dream of becoming a school teacher. At the university, she met and started dating Johnnie. They became closer and got married while he was in law school and she was teaching at a local elementary school.

She wrote that she became uneasy and insecure about their marriage during its first few years. On advice from a relative, she hired a private detective to determine where young attorney Cochran was spending his evenings. The detective confirmed that Johnnie had a mistress whom he visited regularly after basketball games. She presented Johnnie with the detective's report and Johnnie denied everything. He wondered how she could believe a white detective over her own husband.

Berry writes that knowing now hers was not to be the happy, roman-

tic marriage, she was still not prepared when, in the heat of an argument, Johnnie punched her several times in the head. This was at least the third time that he had been physically violent against her. She decided then that she could no longer stay with this man.

Some of you may ask "why would this woman write a very negative book about America's most famous African American lawyer as he tries to save the life of one of black America's most famous athletic heroes?"

Her answer is simple. Apparently, Johnnie Cochran asked his former wife to deny to journalists that he had been violent with her. She refused. Instead, she wrote this book.

My two criticisms of the book are 1) that Berry underestimates the influence of white racism in the United States and in the Los Angeles police department and 2) that she basically takes the side of the prosecution in the Simpson case because of her animosity toward Johnnie and her emphasis on the similar abusive behavior of Johnnie and O.J.

Nonetheless, *Life After Johnnie Cochran* makes a strong case against the public image of Johnnie as a good husband and father. It also makes a persuasive case for acknowledging and ending sexism and violence against women in the black community.

Ollie Johnson is assistant professor of Government and Afro-American Studies at the University of Maryland at College Park.

## Dead Presidents

## Dead Presidents' sound track for release in October

NEW YORK, NY—Underworld/Capitol Records is scheduled to release the soundtrack *Dead Presidents* for the Hughes Brothers' new film also titled *Dead Presidents* in October. The soundtrack features classic R&B songs from 1960s and 1970s and includes:

- 1) Walk On By—Issie Hayes
- 2) If You Want Me To Stay—Sly & The Family Stone
- 3) Payback—James Brown
- 4) I'll Be Around—The Spinners
- 5) Never Gonna Give You Up—Barry White
- 6) I Miss You—Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes
- 7) Get Up & Get Down—The Dramatics
- 8) If There's Hell Below—Curtis Mayfield
- 9) Do Right Woman—Aretha Franklin
- 10) Where Is The Love—Jesse & Trina
- 11) I'm So Tired Of Being Alone—Al Green
- 12) Love Train—O'Jays
- 13) The Look of Love (Long Version)—Isaac Hayes
- 14) *Dead Presidents* Theme—Danny Elfman

*Dead Presidents* is produced and directed by Albert and Allen Hughes (Hughes Brothers), who also have a joint venture label deal with Capitol Records. The film is inspired by actual events that chronicle a young man's struggle to define his place amidst the chaos during the Vietnam era. The screenplay was written by Michael Henry Brown based on a short story by Wallace Terry. *Dead Presidents* is distributed by Buena Vista Pictures.

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## A beautiful face of color



Tamara Denman (c) of Phoenix, AZ has been selected as one of the three winners in the first Essence "Beautiful Faces of Color" contest. Denman is pictured with Revlon Spokeswoman Veronica Webb (r) and Mikki Taylor beauty and cover editor of ESSENCE magazine. The other two contest winners are Reesa Hall of Dallas, TX and Carla Kindred of Decatur, GA. The three women were taken to a trip to New York City, dinner with Webb at B. Smith's and a photo shoot at ESSENCE.

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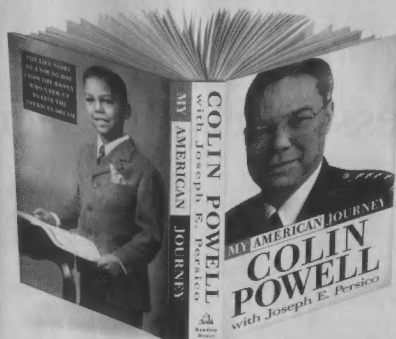
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Photo courtesy of Myrna Morris

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**SEPTEMBER 28, 29**  
**NEWARK**—*Hold 'n' On* (play) at the African Globe Theatre/Works at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-624-1584.

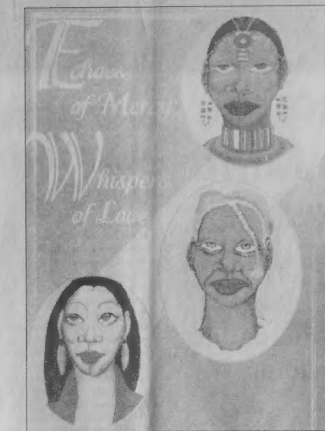
CHICAGO, IL—*Echoes of Mercy, Whispers of Love* is a riveting new novel which powerfully and passionately weaves the tale of an extraordinary epic spiritual adventure about the enduring strength of African Americans—present, past and future.

Described as "the most historically significant novel since *Roots*," *Echoes... Whispers* tells of the intriguing relationship between Momma Zoli, an unusual, homeless old woman with an incredible past who believes she is a recently freed slave, and a 1990s upper middle class African-American family.

Taking its title from the beautiful hymn of faith, *Blessed Assurance*, *Echoes of Mercy, Whispers of Love* is the first novel by Elaine R. Ferguson, M.D., an internationally recognized expert in the field of holistic medicine.

You will be taken on an unforgettable journey from the vortex of the 1992 LA riots, to the deep South of the 1860s, and back to present day Los Angeles. Along the way faith is tested, lessons are learned, tears are shed, relationships are strengthened, wisdom is discovered and grace is found in this haunting tale in which all whose lives are touched by Momma Zoli are changed forever.

Believing that it is important to heal our spirit and emotions as well as our physical body, Dr. Ferguson felt inspired to write this novel because, "This is a story that had to be told. It



seemed to have its own voice," she stated. "It is very important in relationship to today's political climate and backlash that African Americans are experiencing. On a spiritual level

we need to understand just how strong we are, and understand the strength and endurance of our ancestors. That strength is there for us to tap into as their gift to us," Ferguson noted.

### Magic Johnson's UNCF fund-raiser celebrates 10 years



LOS ANGELES, CA—Wayman F. Smith III (r), vice president of corporate affairs for Anheuser-Busch Companies, presents a contribution to former basketball great Earlvin "Magic" Johnson (c), and William H. Gray III, president and chief executive officer of UNCF, during Magic's 10th annual UNCF fund-raiser, "A Midsummer Night's Magic."

The weekend event, which has raised more than \$9 million since its inception, includes a gala dinner and auction in Los Angeles and two charity basketball games featuring celebrities from music, television and film, as well as an all-star game between NBA players. Proceeds from the event help to expand educational opportunities at the 41 private, historically black colleges and universities of The College Fund. Photo courtesy of UNCF

### Family bonding through community art

NEWARK—Local artist Pepon Osorio's installation *Project 5: Pepon Osorio Budge of Honor* moves from a storefront at 33 Broadway in Newark, to The Newark Museum where it will be on view now until March 10, 1996, in the Contemporary Galleries.

*Budge of Honor* represents Osorio's most extensive community involvement-to-date in terms of the number of people and organizations who actually participated in the process. The work began in March and April when the artist met with several community groups and social service organizations to identify critical issues for the largely Latino and African-American North Newark neighborhood.

The artwork is designed to function as a vehicle to confront the

disintegration of the contemporary family, whether from separation by prison or a parent holding down two or three jobs, and to provide tools to help hold families together.

The installation consists of two sleeping quarters—the father's stark prison cell juxtaposed against the textural opulence of his son's bedroom. Projected on opposite walls of each room are video interviews with the real-life father and son. The two talk about the impact of the father's incarceration on the family, and the mother, who plays the key role in holding the family together during this trying time.

Pepón Osorio is from Puerto Rico, of African descent. He received his BA from Herbert H. Lehman College and an MA from Columbia University.



...Budge of Honor. Father's cell and Son's bedroom (above)

Photo courtesy of The Newark Museum.



EMI recording artist Najee takes time out from recording his new album *Being in the Key of Life* to unwind with musicians Stanley Clarke (l) and George Duke (r) who are producing the album. Najee's interpretation of



Ana Omega-Laboy

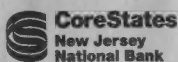
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**PATERSON**—Blood pressure screening at Multi-purpose Clinic from 9:30 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. For more info call Sophie Tenyo at 201-881-3986.

**PATERSON**—"Walk Your Way to a Healthy Heart" at the Paterson Division of Health from 1 - 2 p.m. For more info call Ned D. Schley at 201-881-3908.

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—"Target Women for Good Health" seminar at Sydenham Street Reformed Church from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call M. Menallo 908-494-6742.

**ELIZABETH**—Open House to kick off Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) program at 815 Elizabeth Ave from 3 to 7 p.m. For more info call Elizabeth Pineros at 908-351-7727.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**MONTCLAIR**—AIDS support group at the COPE Center from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-783-6322.

**PATERSON**—"Infant & Toddler Information on Nutrition Needs" for clinic clients at the Multi-Sector Clinic from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call Kate Atterbury at 201-881-3917.

**MONTCLAIR**—Health Awareness - Older Minority Adults at the YWCA from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more info call Jacqueline J. Jones, 201-746-5400.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**PERTH AMBOY**—NAACP - Perth Ambury Area Branch "Health care screening and exhibit" at One Olive Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call Shirley Jones, 908-442-3825.

**ESSEX COUNTY**—"The Purple Dinosaur & His Friends" train ride health fair for youth & mothers in community Pick-up places Newark, E. Orange, & Orange from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call Diane Rayner, 201-672-7691.

**ORANGE**—"Super Saturday Health Fair" at the corner of Essex Avenue & Henry Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call Ms. Guyton 201-286-2024.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

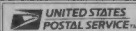
**JERSEY CITY**—Health Fair/Blood sugar, cholesterol, dental and eye screening at St. Francis School of Nursing Auditorium from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call Dr. Connie Uy at 201-227-6984.

## Black United Fund hosts campaign kick-off

**EAST ORANGE**—The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) will host its 1995 campaign kick-off and exhibition on Thursday, September 21 at its new headquarters, in East Orange.

Scheduled to run from 4 to 7 p.m. the event will feature a photographic display by Roger Brown, which traces the pictorial history of the organization and will be featured at key locations around the state throughout the campaign.

Also present for the evening will be singer Dionne Warwick, who will be the honorary chairperson for the campaign. The new headquarters is located in the historic Ward-Ambrose mansion at 132 South Harrison Street which was built in 1896 as a private home for Oliver Vanderbilt.



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## James H. Rounds dead at 101

Former WWI veteran James H. Rounds of Matawan died on Friday September 8 at the age of 101. He was the town's oldest resident. Rounds was born in Snow Hill, Maryland on December 25, 1894 and lived there before moving to the City of Newark in 1916.

As a young man, he was drafted into the Army in 1918 and served as a member of the 32nd Pioneer Infantry during the course of World War I. After receiving his basic training at Fort Dix, he was assigned the duties of guarding the New York and New Jersey airports against saboteurs. He had just received his orders to be shipped overseas when the war in Europe ended in 1918.

Throughout his many years of residency in Newark, Rounds was actively involved in numerous social and civic organizations including the Marcus Garvey Movement. He was also a member of the King Hiram



The late James H. Rounds

Lodge, Elks, Liberty Lodge and the American Legion Guyton-Cathalan Post 152 which he joined in 1936 and served as senior vice commander. He was a member of this organization for 59 years.

## Contributions needed for hurricane victims

**NEW YORK, NY**—On September 4th and 5th, a category 4 Hurricane, Luis, swept across the Caribbean islands of Antigua and Barbuda causing major destruction. Official reports out of Antigua and Barbuda indicate that more than eighty percent of the buildings have been severely damaged, resulting in widespread homelessness and acute shortages of supplies.

Citizens are also faced with a lack of water, electricity and basic foods. Assistance is greatly needed for the hurricane victims to mount an effective response to cope with immediate needs and prepare for long term recovery.

The Hurricane Luis Relief Fund, and umbrella of the Antigua & Barbuda International Support Organization (ABISO) has launched a

campaign for donations of food, medicine and clothing for victims.

Donations can include, but is not limited to: Clothes, blankets, sleeping bags and other bedding; portable electric generators; Medicine, first Aid Kits—bandages; bottled water, flour, rice, sugar, can foods cereals and dry foods; rolls of polyurethane; flashlights, batteries, tarpaulins, tents, mosquito repellent, nails, plywood and water purification equipment.

Monetary contributions are also being accepted and should be sent payable to: ABISO Hurricane Luis Relief Fund P.O. Box 1845 Rockefeller Station New York, NY 10020

The New Jersey drop-off site for relief goods is Dunn and Sons Maintenance Corporation—320 Park Avenue in Plainfield and can be contacted at 908-757-5155.

## New visions

students may have.

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stay in contact with them. I am a hands on kind of administrator."

Raymond Billups, a junior, at the high school also supports Edds' efforts saying, "He is trying to change the school and I think he's going to do a good job. There are not as many people cutting classes and that's an improvement. I'm sure there's still more to come."

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## Drunk drivers pay through their pockets

**TRENTON**—Senator John A. Giganti has issued a bill assessing higher fees for convicted drunk drivers. The bill, S-1171 will, according to Sen. Giganti force drunk drivers to pay for their actions. The new law raises from \$50 to \$75 the fee that first-time offenders pay for the required evaluation and treatment program. Second time offenders, 89 percent of whom had to return for additional

drunk driver treatment, would see the fee go from \$75 to \$100.

"Fees for drunk drivers to undergo Intoxicated Driver Resource Center training haven't gone up in almost a decade, during which tens of thousands of New Jerseyans have been convicted of drunk driving. The free ride is over," said the senator.

"The message going out (is) 'load up, get behind the wheel and get

caught, you'll pay with your license, you'll pay with your time, and now you'll pay with your wallet," he added.

Sen. Giganti says taxpayers should not have to pay for drunk drivers to learn social acceptable driving practices. "The more (burdensome) we make it on convicted drunk drivers, the greater the chance they will not repeat their crimes," he stated.

## Women voice support

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Cooper, Irvington Mayor Sarah Bost and Orange Mayor Robert Brown, however none were in attendance. The city of Elizabeth has been the only city, so far, to publicly endorse the march and in so doing, issued a resolution declaring October 16 as a holy day.

The resolution was presented by the only elected official present at the press conference, Elizabeth's only African-American city council member, Elizabeth Perkins. Perkins stated that she received a hard time trying to get the resolution passed by the city council, and was told by Elizabeth mayor that she should "table it."

In her response to him she stated, "I am not going to table this, because this is about my people. My people are killing each other, they are robbing from each other. They are shooting up drugs and this is important." The resolution was passed on

Wednesday, September 13.

Although she couldn't attend the press conference, Councilwoman Mildred Crump conveyed her support for the march through her representative, Kim Gaddy.

Former Newark mayoral candidate, Dr. Colleen Walton was among the panelists who showed strong support for the march. In a exuberant voice Dr. Walton addressed the crowd exclaiming, "there is something happening in our people, something we need to be proud of."

Referring to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Walton stated, "on Tuesday, September 12, black ministers gathered in Fairfax Va. to pray for a brother, a black brother, who seemed to have forgotten his roots. A black brother whose knees have become too weak and the only thing truly black in his life are those judicial robes that he wears," this remark was

greeted with an astounding applause and yells.

Dr. Walton continued, "come October 16, we are going to have a million man march of our fathers, brothers, uncles, our men; our men are finally going to stand up in unison in spite of all those who have been beaten down for the past 400 years. It makes no difference because they are all going to get off their knees and they are going to stand tall. On October 16 America is going to stand up and take notice, it's not Muslim, it's not Methodist, it's not Baptist, it's African American people standing up for what they should have been standing up for all of this time. So as women, who have been out in the forefront, we will back our men, we stand by men we do not stand by boys, we do not stand by weak people."

## NAACP workshops

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to 5:30 p.m., youth participants will have the choice of attending three of six concurrent workshops entitled: "Health & Nutrition," "Keeping Youth Motivated," "Male & Female Relationships," "Financial Aid & Minority Scholarships," "Police Brutality & How To Deal With The Cops," and "Contract on America." Affirmative Action.

For more information on the convention and its events contact Brenda Carr at 908-270-5897.

## Information kit to help diabetic youth and their families

**SOMERSET**—The American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate, Inc. announced an information kit that will be made available to school nurses statewide for youth newly diagnosed with diabetes and their families. The information kit

was made possible by a grant for \$10,000 from Memorial Management Corporation of Peapack.

The kits will be distributed in November at a school nurse symposium sponsored by the Youth Division of the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint

Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston and the American Diabetes Association, New Jersey Affiliate, Inc. School nurses interested in attending the symposium should call the Joslin Center for Diabetes at Saint Barnabas Medical Center at 201-325-6555.

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According to David Goldenberg, M.D., chief of Gastroenterology at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, in the past the only regimen available to people suffering from ulcers was sticking to a

### Positive Lifestyle Factors

Although antibiotic treatment has proven enormously successful, patients should not overlook the role of lifestyle factors in the development of ulcers. Smoking and alcohol consumption are major risk factors when it comes to the recurrence of ulcers. Stress, too, is a leading cause of ulcers. Dr. Goldenberg's advice? Stop smoking, reduce alcohol consumption, and take time to relax. Taking positive measures will decrease your risk of ulcers and put you on the road to healthier living.



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## Economic development begins at home

by William Reed

Despite the fact that all current surveys and reports indicate the most important issue in black America is economic development, as sure as God made little green apples, it is clear that what the next few months will show is that the predominant discussions among African Americans will focus on politics.

Listen and watch for yourself and you will find that those among us who seek to be the most articulate and recognized will be following the lead of "mainstream" media and doing a

high-level of talking about "who is running for president." If Jesse Jackson and/or Colin Powell announce their candidacies, the black community will go wild with enthusiasm about the fact that an African American is running—as if they actually expect a black person to be elected president by the American society, or that a time's difference will be made in their lives by whomever is elected President.

Be it Bob Dole, Colin Powell, Bill Bradley, or even Bill Clinton again, if we don't start doing some

basic things for ourselves and our children, we will remain essentially the same. If we want a better lifestyle and more respect, we should get a grip on the fact that our realities do not change, be it a Democrat or Republican in the White House.

If we want a measurable and proven way for more of our race to move up the ladder in this society, please clip out the following 10 economic guidelines and, during the months leading to the presidential elections, discuss them and the points associated with them, with your friends and

family at mealtime and elsewhere. Devote as much time toward how to have collective implementation of these points as you spend talking about presidential candidates.

More economic action and less talk about politics can yield much in the way of increased status, respect and wealth for African Americans. If we are willing to pull the "Victim Mentality Veil" from our eyes, it would be easy for African Americans to look and see that measurable results of utilization of the guidelines outlined are evident in the "American

Dream" successes of Asian and Jewish "minority" groups.

The types of trust, unity, cohesion and togetherness of purpose that these groups display are also guiding principles that blacks should incorporate into our vital internal discussions about economic development.

After three decades of political disenfranchisement, isn't it time we looked around at our decaying communities and cities and realized that the idea of our gaining more wealth through government largess is the equivalent of fools panning for fool's gold?

## County officials participate in Hispanic economic roundtable

ELIZABETH—Union County freeholders were among the participants of an Hispanic roundtable discussion co-sponsored by The Hispanic American Association for Political Awareness and The Union County Alliance. The officials met with some of the county's Hispanic residents at Sea-Land's corporate offices in Elizabeth to help the Alliance develop input to the county's master and strategic economic plans.

The group is looking to complete their economic strategic plan by the end of this year or the beginning of the next year according to planning Alliance Committee Chairwoman Dell Raudelunas.

The Alliance, which has members from industry, labor, government, education and public service was formed two years ago to address some of the problems facing the local economy. A series of brainstorming sessions were held with diverse groups in Union County which helped to uncover one of the most serious problems: the decline of the state's manufacturing base. This problem has hurt Union County in particular. In the 12 year span from 1982 to 1994, the

county lost a total of 40,000 jobs in manufacturing.

"Holding roundtables with those who live and work in this region is an important first step in finding out what everyone wants Union County to really look like as we approach the year 2000," Ann Baran, county manager stated. "In a collaborative effort, we will identify planning needs and strategies for Union County's long term future."

According to Rep. Robert Menendez, "language, culture, contacts and the understanding of how to do business within the Hispanic community are natural and productive economic links for Union County to expand its economic base. Tap them and the entrepreneurial spirit of the Hispanic community and you will have tapped into a \$200 billion market in 10 short years."

Addressing the gathering, Commerce Commissioner Gauberto Medina stated, "Hispanic individuals and businesses will play a leadership role in helping to bring the benefits of expanded international trade to New Jersey and to Union County. Success in the world without borders will be-

long to the nation that has the best trained, best educated, most skilled and most productive work force. There is no doubt in my mind that Union County will emerge as a leader in the new world of the 21st century."

The roundtable discussion included questions such as: How can we create an Alliance in which the Hispanic community will be active participants in agencies, boards and institutions?

...What can be done to enhance services in municipalities to address the "downtown areas" needs? Such as: safety, parking and transportation.

How can the Union County Alliance assist the financial and banking institutions to overcome the cultural barriers that prevent the Hispanic community from access to adequate financial resources?

...How do we further increase "business partnerships" between the Hispanic and the Union County business community at large?

What are the resources which will enable the Hispanic community to facilitate growth of new and/or existing businesses?

## Action guide to greater economic development

- 1) All African-American consumers spend as much of their income as possible with business owners who live in the black community, and whenever possible buy goods produced by African Americans;
- 2) All African Americans who live in an area where there are black-owned banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions, should put their money in them. And if there are no black-owned financial institutions in your area, make it a priority to discuss with friends and family how to start one;
- 3) Use African-American technicians and professionals to do your electrical, plumbing, roofing, building repair and accounting, legal, medical and engineering services;
- 4) Ask your church, professional and social organizations and clubs to hold their meetings and banquets at black-owned facilities such as hotels, churches, fraternity houses and/or Masonic lodges;
- 5) Start and/or join small investment groups and clubs made up of other African-American men and women;
- 6) Don't stop doing business with all black-owned businesses because one of two don't treat you right or meet your expectations;
- 7) All black business owners should attempt to stock goods produced by African Americans whenever possible, and, do as much advertising as possible in black-owned media;
- 8) All black business owners who may not have a retail or direct consumer-oriented business, (such as an SA government supplier that does not require consumer advertising, for example), should try to hire African Americans and devote at least one percent of company's revenues to supporting community youth programs;
- 9) Each black business owner should attempt to give the best in goods and services and always show appreciation for those who support their business operations;
- 10) Assume that all church work, such as building maintenance and repairs and clerical and printing, are discussed with black vendors first.

## BUSINESS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 19-24

WASHINGTON, DC.—CBC Week, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. Call 202-675-6730.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

NEWARK—Entrepreneurial Introductory Workshop at NJN Robert Treat Hotel at 6 p.m. For more info call 609-292-1890.

PLAINFIELD—Changing Careers workshop for women at the YWCA Urban Women's Center from 7-9 p.m. to noon. For more info call 908-755-5000.

NEWARK—Government Center Development Corporation meeting at Broad National Bank, 2nd floor, at 8:15 a.m. For more info call Mary Lundy at 201-242-6237, ext. 227.

NEWARK—Financing Your Small Business NJASD Workshop at Newark International Airport. For more info call 201-961-4278.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BRIDGEWATER—Breakfast with Goliath Returns, meet one on one with purchasing agents from large area corporations, sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. Call 908-725-1552.

PLAINFIELD—Credit Savvy workshop at the Community Education Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-756-6000.

LINCROFT, NJ—Trade Financing for Exporters Only sponsored by Eximbank, US SBA, NJSBC and NJEDA at Brookdale Community College. Call 201-645-3830.

VIENNA, VA—Recent Changes in Government Procurement Policies and Regulations, sponsored by the Latin American Management Association. Call 202-546-3803.

NEW YORK—Destination MBA, free seminar for college student, at NY Marriott Financial Center Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more info call 609-987-0024.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PHILADELPHIA—Building a Career Resilient Workforce at the Carter-Conrad Hotel at 8 a.m. For more info call 215-564-3000.

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